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## Temporary service interruption at South Okanagan General Hospital emergency department

**OLIVER** – Oliver and area residents are advised of temporary changes to emergency department hours at [South Okanagan General Hospital](#) due to limited physician availability.

Emergency services will be unavailable from 5 p.m. on Friday, August 9 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. Patients can access care at [Penticton Regional Hospital](#) during this time.

All other inpatient services will continue as normal at South Okanagan General Hospital.

People in the community who need life-threatening emergency care (i.e., chest pains, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding) should always call 911 for transport to the nearest available and appropriate facility.

Anyone unsure whether an emergency room visit is warranted can call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1, or visit [www.HealthLinkBC.ca](http://www.HealthLinkBC.ca) for non-emergency health information from nurses, dietitians and pharmacists 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

*The emergency department in Oliver is normally open 24/7.*

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